GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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ARMS LICENCES IN DELHI
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that most of crimes in Delhi are committed by using unlicensed guns and illegal fire arms;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken so far to locate illegal fire arms manufacturing units in and around the city and as also conduit for smuggling of foreign made fire arms;

(c) the estimated number of unlicensed guns being used in Delhi;

(d) the number of persons issued arms license by the DCP (Licensing) till date;

(e) whether the Government propose to restrict the issue of armed license in future in view of increase in crime rate;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERS(PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK)

(a): The number of crimes in which unlicensed arms were used formed a very small part of the total number of crimes reported.

(b): Delhi Police have not detected during recent past any illegal arms manufacturing unit operating in Delhi.

(c): During the current year upto 25th July, Delhi Police detected 319 cases of illegal fire-arms.

(d): The Licensing Branch of Delhi Police has so far issued 50,818 arms licenses and registered 8844 arm licensees issued by other States/competent licensing authorities.

(e) to (g): No, Sir. There are enough safeguards in the procedure prescribed for issue of arms licenses to ensure that such licenses are not issued to undesirable clements. It is also relevant to add that there has been progressive decline in number of IPC crimes during last few years in Delhi.